

**Amendments to the Specification:**

***Please replace paragraph [85] with the following amended paragraph:***

[85] With the above constitution, the emitting surface of the rod lens 60 coincides with the DMD surface, and thus, as shown in Fig. 6b, an illuminating image is formed in the vicinity of the effective surface of the DMD 10. In consequence, illuminating loss is reduced and contrast distribution over the screen (also on the emitting surface of the rod lens 60) is uniform.